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SUBJECT: BENHIMA INVESTMENT MISSION; MAGHREB-EC RECIPROCITY

1. DURING PLANNING SESSION FOR SUBJECT MISSION WITH

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MOROCCAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR TAIB FEBRUARY 26, DEPTOFFS RAISED

GENERAL QUESTION OF MOROCCO'S RELATIONS WITH EC AS IT AFFECTS GOM ATTEMPTS TO ATTRACT US PRIVATE INVESTMENT. SUBJECT WAS RAISED IN CONTEXT OF QUESTIONS BENHIMA MIGHT BE ASKED BY AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN DURING HIS VISIT HERE STARTING MARCH 18.

2. DEPTOFFS REFFERED TO REPORTS THAT EC, LED BY FRENCH, WAS PRESSING MOROCCO AND OTHER MAGHREB COUNTRIES TO AGREE TO PRIVILEGED EC MARKET FOR INDUSTRIAL GOODS IN EXCHANGE FOR ASSOCIATION PRIVILEGES. DEPTOFFS POINTED OUT THAT SUCH RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH EC COULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON US INVESTORS' ABILITY TO IMPORT AMERICAN GOODS TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS. COUNSELOR TAIB SAID HE WOULD ADVISE RABAT OF THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM. CASEY

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